

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

SB 1954 – HB 1698

April 9, 2009

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENTS (005804, 006057): Amendment 005804 deletes the language of the original bill; and authorizes incumbent and non-incumbent certificated providers of local exchange telephone or intra-state long distance telephone service to elect to operate pursuant to market regulation by filing notice of intent with the Tennessee Regulatory Authority (TRA). Amendment 006057 adds language stating that a rural incumbent certificated provider of local exchange or intrastate long distance telephone service, that elects to operate pursuant to market regulation, shall constitute an acknowledgement that a bona fide request for interconnection or services is not unduly economically burdensome, is technically feasible, will not present a risk of a significant adverse economic impact on users of telecommunications services generally, is consistent with 47 U.S.C. § 254, and is consistent with the public interest, convenience, and necessity.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

Decrease State Revenue –
\$3,369,400/Tennessee Regulatory Authority

Decrease State Expenditures –
\$44,800/Tennessee Regulatory Authority

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENTS:

State Revenue – Net Impact – Not Significant
State Expenditures – Net Impact – Not Significant

Assumption applied to amendments:

- According to TRA, any net change to state revenue and state expenditures resulting from this bill as amended is considered to be not significant.

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CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James W. White". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "J".

James W. White, Executive Director

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